



# Measure Evaluation-Pima

USAID Kenya



*Monitoring and evaluation professionals at a President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.*

## U.S. Presidential Initiatives:

- U.S. Global Health Initiative
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief



**Funding Level:**  
\$35 million

**Duration:**  
October 2012 – October 2017

## Activity Goals:

- Build the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity of Kenyan health workers
- Strengthen health sector systems, specifically the referral system and the civil registration and vital statistics system

## Activity Accomplishments:

- Completed M&E capacity building assessments in 17 counties
- Held stakeholder engagement activities in 17 counties
- Trained M&E focal persons in 17 target counties
- Developed a referral system curriculum for health workers

## ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Measure Evaluation-Pima (Pima means “to measure” in Kiswahili) builds sustainable monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacity for Kenyan health officials to support evidence-based decision making that furthers policy formulation and improves health systems and outcomes. Measure Evaluation-Pima works with Kenya’s Ministry of Health to identify and respond to information needs at the national and sub-national levels.

Measure Evaluation-Pima supports USAID’s goal of strengthening health systems for sustainable delivery of quality services.

## ACTIVITY AREAS

Measure Evaluation-Pima builds the M&E capacity of the Ministry of Health to identify and respond to information needs at the national and sub-national levels. The activity focuses on the Ministry’s Divisions of Malaria Control, Reproductive Health, Community Health Strategy, Disease Surveillance and Response, and Integrated Disease Surveillance and Strategy, as well as Kenya’s 47 county health management teams.

Measure Evaluation-Pima works to institutionalize capacity assessment, needs prioritization, and action planning by providing technical assistance that includes supporting the revision or development of institutional strategies, building leadership and management for M&E, and developing and implementing tools and workshops.

Measure Evaluation-Pima connects M&E professionals in Kenya to identify, discuss, and exchange best practices in M&E.

To improve availability and use of quality health information at the national and sub-national levels, Measure Evaluation-Pima:

- Strengthens the community health information system, and monitors the referral system and vital event systems
- Develops and supports community health information system centers of excellence in each county
- Works with the county health management teams to promote the demand for community health information system data, and develops and implements solutions to improve community health worker and community health extension worker data collection, management, and reporting
- Provides technical support in the development and implementation of referral monitoring system standards and

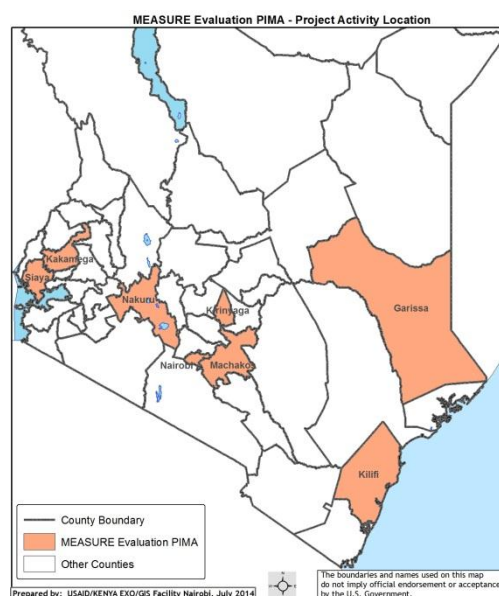
**Implementing Partner:**  
University of North Carolina

**Key Partners:**

Ministry of Health: Division of Reproductive Health, Division of Malaria Control, Civil Registration Division, Division of Emergency & Disaster Preparedness

**Activity Locations:**

Garissa, Kakamega, Kilifi, Kirinyaga, Machakos, Nairobi City, Nakuru, and Siaya



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training system

- Strengthens the systematic collection, analysis, and dissemination of mortality and other vital events data among all levels of government by supporting activities leading to an increased death registration coverage rate and by collaborating with the Health Management Information System and their partners to improve the quality of health facility-related mortality data

Additionally, to improve M&E capacity for local training and research institutions, Measure Evaluation-Pima works to establish M&E graduate-level programs and in-service training for established professionals, including support of Kenyatta University's M&E concentration in its Master of Public Health program.

**ACTIVITY IMPACT**

*"...I had to refer a mother who had bled too much after delivery...only to get to the county referral hospital and the interns tell me to proceed to Kenyatta because they had lost another mother with DIC (disseminated intravascular coagulopathy)..... sometimes you fear to take the referral rest they tell you to wait and go till Kenyatta"*

Measure Evaluation-Pima conducted baseline assessments to inform interventions that would improve the functionality and effectiveness of the health referral system in Kenya. The above quote comes from a nurse at a sub-county hospital who participated in one of Measure Evaluation-Pima's focus groups. The nurse describes a negative outcome for a patient in the referral process.

The findings from the baseline assessment have informed the designing of appropriate interventions to improve the functionality and effectiveness of the health referral system in Kenya.